

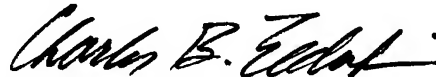
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Official Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a), and in response, a Replacement Sheet 2 of the drawings is attached. The Replacement Sheet adds a new Fig. 3 which schematically illustrates the structure of Claim 43 (now part of base Claim 25). The specification has also been amended to include a reference to the new figure. It is accordingly believed that this objection has been overcome.

Also in the Official Action, dependent Claims 40 and 43 were indicated to be provisionally allowable. In response, the subject matter of Claim 43 has been added to base Claim 25, and new Claim 44 represents dependent Claim 40 written in independent form.

There being no other issues, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 25-42 and 44 are in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

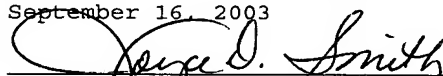


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